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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - January 23, 2007

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that Forrest James Williams and Lana Lenee Creager were arraigned today in federal court in San Diego by United States Magistrate Judge Jan M. Adler on an indictment charging them jointly with bank robbery and mail theft, and charging Creager with an additional bank robbery. Williams and Creager entered pleas of not guilty to the charges.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Eugene S. Litvinoff, who is prosecuting the case, Williams and Creager were apprehended by the San Diego Police Department on January 5, 2007, in the Pacific Beach area of San Diego, California, on suspicion of stealing an entire pushcart full of U.S. mail from a postal carrier. At the time of the arrest, San Diego Police officers recognized Creager from a Wanted Poster taken from surveillance photos of a bank robbery which occurred on December 9, 2006. Both Williams and Creager have been charged in the indictment with mail theft and with robbing the Wells Fargo Bank, at 4315 Mission Boulevard, San Diego, California, from which they obtained \$2,369 on December 9, 2006. Creager also has been charged with robbing the same bank and obtaining \$250 on December 18, 2006.

Williams and Creager are scheduled to appear in court on February 5, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., before United States District Court Judge Thomas J. Whelan for a motion setting hearing.

U.S. Attorney Lam praised the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Postal Inspection Service, and the San Diego Police Department for their efforts in the investigation which led to the indictment.

DEFENDANTS

Case Number: 07cr0136W

FORREST JAMES WILLIAMS

Counts 1 and 3

LANA LENEE CREAGER

Counts 1 - 3

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Counts: Three

Counts 1 and 2

Bank Robbery - Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a)

Penalties: Maximum twenty years' imprisonment. Maximum \$250,000 fine. Mandatory restitution of the value of property not returned (18 U.S.C. § 3663A).

Count 3

Mail Theft - Title 18, United States Code, Section 1708

Penalties: Maximum five years in custody. Maximum \$250,000 fine. Mandatory restitution of the value of property not returned (18 U.S.C. § 3663A).

AGENCIES

Federal Bureau of Investigation

San Diego Police Department

United States Postal Inspection Service

An indictment is not evidence that the defendants committed the crimes charged. The defendants are presumed innocent until the Government meets its burden in court of proving guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.